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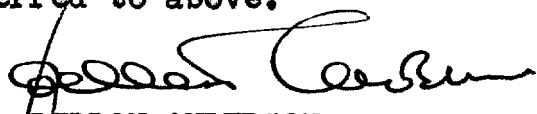
MEMORANDUM FOR The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Ministerial or Administrative Actions
Requiring the President's signature

At the National Security Council meeting yesterday, the Secretary of Defense read a memorandum analyzing the types of action pertaining to the Department of Defense which currently require Presidential approval or signature. This memorandum was subsequently given to the Attorney General, who stated that such an analysis would be of great assistance to the Department of Justice in analyzing the questions of constitutional or statutory authority which might arise during the President's illness.

Subsequently, at the suggestion of the Attorney General, it was agreed that the other heads of Executive departments and agencies represented at the National Security Council meeting would have prepared and transmitted to the Attorney General an analysis of those ministerial or administrative actions pertaining to their respective departments or agencies which currently require the President's signature. It was suggested that such an analysis would be of value, not only in anticipating possible problems which might arise during the President's illness, but also in indicating further possibilities of relieving the President of ministerial or administrative actions which could legally and appropriately be delegated to the heads of Executive departments and agencies.

Accordingly, this memorandum is being provided you as a reminder of the agreement referred to above.


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to the President